

St. James United Church

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The Life and Work of St. James United Church

Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ is shining.
May it shine in our hearts, in our church, in our world!

Introit (tune VU 345)

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Creator God, we come together as one heart and body.

Bind us in love to one another.

We recognize that when one of us struggles, all of us struggle.

Keep us mindful of opportunities to share our struggles,
and to understand someone different from us.

Be with us as we seek Jesus' words of life,
and sing songs of hope and love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: MV 26 "Your Love Is Amazing"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 661 "Come to My Heart"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (TLUS 58)

Sing thanks to our God; sing thanks to our God.
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Prayer of Dedication (together)

O God of autumn splendour, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts. Our giving is a joyful response to you. Bless our offering, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: VU 343 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Benediction

Song for the Journey (VU 649 Refrain) (repeat)

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned,
where love shines through.

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Congregational Breakfast: Following the service today everyone is invited to a delicious breakfast in the hall.

Next Sunday, Nov. 1, Daylight Saving Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back or you'll arrive to church an hour early.

Free Concert: Joseph Haydn's *Missa in Tempore Belli*/Mass in Time of War, 4pm, Sun, Nov 1, All Saints Cathedral, 1330 Cathedral Ln, Hfx.

Christmas Craft Market: 10 am-2 pm, Saturday, Nov. 7 in St. James hall. Handmade treasures for the holidays!

Remembrance Day: On Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 am everyone is invited to a Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph, followed by a free Chowder Social in St. James hall.

Gingerbread Tea: 1-3 pm, Sat., Nov. 14. An afternoon of fun for all ages with cake walk and ticket auction. Gingerbread cake with caramel sauce, tea and coffee: Adult \$7 (cash only). **New donations for the auction and cake walk are appreciated!**

Bill Stewart's 90th Birthday: Bill and Fran Stewart would like to extend a warm welcome to their Church family and friends to join them in the church hall on Sunday, Nov. 15th, 1-5 pm, as they celebrate Bill's 90th birthday. There will be refreshments and music, and Bill has requested "best wishes only." This event is a fund-raiser for the Food Bank, and they ask folks to bring a non-perishable item to donate. There will also be a table set up for those who would like to donate funds; receipts will be available.

St. James Fishermen's Service: 10:30 am, Sunday, Nov. 22. There will be special music and the reading of the names of those who have been lost at sea. All men are invited to sing in the Men's Choir.

The Revd. Trevor Phillips 18th Memorial Advent Gospel Concert: 6:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 28 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 633 Pockwock Rd, Upper Hammonds Plains. An uplifting evening of music. No admission fee but at the door you may donate to the Revd. Trevor Phillips Scholarship Fund; also non-perishable food for the Food Bank will be received.

Christmas Luncheon: 11 am-1 pm, Saturday, Dec. 12. Adult \$10 (cash only). A time to share food, fellowship and holiday cheer. St. James will have a craft/bake table. We would appreciate contributions and ask that a value be placed on any items given for the sale.

Lectionary Readings for October 25, 2026

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Moses dies and is buried in Moab.

Psalms 90 O God, our help in ages past.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 So deeply do we care for you.

Matthew 22:34-40 Love God; love your neighbour as yourself.

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Twenty-second after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

10:30 am

